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Reagan Gets Briefing From Soviet Experts

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washington, Nov. 7 — As part of his preparation for his meeting with Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Geneva on Nov. 19 and 20, President Reagan had lunch at the White House today with six prominent Soviet specialists.

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One of the participants said later that Mr. Reagan was "very affable" and listened intently to the presentations but asked no questions.